(e) The details of financial assistance given by NEC to private hospitals in Assam are given below:

Support to Sri Sankardeva Nethralaya, Guwahati (for procurement of specialized equipment)

Funds released during 10th Plan	2002-03	Rs. 163.00 lakhs
	2003-04	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
	2004-05	Rs. 320.00 lakhs
	2005-06	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
	2006-07	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
	Total	Rs. 883.00 lakhs

Support to Sankar Madhab Rural Charity Hospital, Panikheti, near Guwahati, (part financial assistance for establishment of 300 bedded rural Hospital)

Funds released during 10th Plan	2004-05	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
	2006-07	Rs. 268.96 lakhs
	Total	Rs. 468.90 lakhs

(Source: NEC Secretariat, Shillong)

Evolution of Joint Mechanism for Terrorism

137. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have committed to Pakistan to be evolving a joint mechanism of India and Pakistan to combat terrorism;

(b) if so, the outline of the same; and

(c) the brief background of the said proposed joint mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) In the aftermath of the Mambai blasts, prime Minister of India and President Musharraf met in Havana on 16 September 2006. The issue of terrorism was discussed and the two leaders agreed

that terorism was a scourge that needs to be effectively dealt with. It was decided in this meeting to put in place an India-Pakistan anti-terrorism institutional mechanism to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations. In pursuance of this decision, the Foreign Secretaries, during their talks on 14-15 November 2006, agreed to set up a 3-member joint anti error mechanism to be headed by Additional Secretary (International Organisations) of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and Additional Secretary (UN & EC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. The mandate of this mechanism would be to consider counter-terrorism measures including through the regular and timely sharing of information.

Dialogue between India and Pakistan on J & K

138. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dialogue on Jammu and Kashmir is going on between India and Pakistan through back channels;

(b) whether in these talk India has made some suggestions for the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir issue; and

(c) if so, whether Government take Parliament into confidence and state what suggestions or proposals on Jammu and Kashmir have been made to Pakistan and Pakistan's response to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Dialogue between India and Pakistan is continuing through various channels. India seeks a peaceful, negotiated settlement of all issues with Pakistan, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

Facts for Mumbai-Train Blasts

†139. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.